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THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF MAYORS HOSTS FIFTH OHIO EDUCATION ROUNDTABLE

Ohio Mayors and Superintendents Take Action on School Finance

Washington, DC – Under the leadership of Former President and Akron Mayor Donald L. Plusquellic, The United States Conference of Mayors (USCM), along with Canton Mayor Janet Creighton, will convene a roundtable of urban mayors in Canton, OH, to discuss the mayoral role in public education. As part of the Conference's *Mayors' Initiative for Leadership in Education* (MILE), this session is the fifth in a series that will provide a unique opportunity for mayors, superintendents and education stakeholders from Ohio's largest urban centers to engage in a discussion on one of the most critical issues facing urban America—school finance and its impact on education.

The Ohio Mayor's Education Roundtable is the only one of its kind that brings together mayors of a single state for a series of discussions concerning public education. The Ohio Roundtable is made possible by grants to USCM from a grant from the Wallace Foundation and the Ohio-based KnowledgeWorks Foundation.

WHO:

Canton Mayor Janet Creighton
Akron Mayor Donald L. Plusquellic
Cleveland Mayor Jane Campbell
Lyndhurst Mayor Joseph Cicero
Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman
Springfield Mayor Warren R. Copeland
Green Mayor Dan Croghan
Parma Mayor Dean DePiero
East Cleveland Mayor Saratha Goggins
Elyria Mayor William Grace
Cincinnati Mayor Charles Luken
Mansfield Mayor Lydia J. Reid
University Heights Mayor Beryl Rothschild
South Euclid Mayor Georgine Welo
Susan Zelman, Ohio Superintendent of Public Instruction
Paolo De Maria, Ohio State Department of Education
Janet Schilk, Ohio State Department of Education
John Brandt, Ohio School Boards Association
Fred Pausch, Ohio School Boards Association
Barbara Shaner, Ohio Association of School Business Officials
Dick Maxwell, Buckeye Association of School Administrators
Ron Bickert, Ohio Public School Dialogue

Bryan Flannery, Educate Ohio
Tom McGuire, Educate Ohio
Tom Mooney, Ohio Federation of Teachers
Russ Harris, Ohio Education Association
Debbie Phillips, Ohio Fair Schools Campaign
Jim Betts, Alliance for Adequate School Funding
Bill Phillis, Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy in School Funding
Dick Fisher, Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools
Kevin Boyce, KnowledgeWorks Foundation
Barbara Diamond, KnowledgeWorks Foundation

John Myers, School Finance Expert -- Augenblick, Palaich and Associates

WHAT: Ohio Mayor's Education Roundtable (closed to media)

WHEN: Thursday, August 4, 2005
9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
(B-Roll Availability 9 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.)

Press Availability -- Lake Room
2:30 p.m.

WHERE: Canton Marriott McKinley Grand Hotel -- **Wells Salon Room**
320 Market Avenue South
330-454-5000